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III.—HOLIDAY FOR COUNCIL ON ACCOUNT OF RAMZAN I D.

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Mr. President, Sir, with your permission, I should like to move that this Council do not sit on Friday next. My reason for making this motion is that Saturday next is a holiday on account of Ramzan Id, and if by chance, the moon appears on Thursday evening, this Council will not sit on Friday next because that will become a holiday on account of Ramzan Id falling on that day. But I want that the Council should make up its mind not to sit on Friday, so that the Council may have proper notice for not sitting on Friday. Besides this, Sir, the Council should not sit on the day previous to an important holiday like that of Id. Because the Mussalman Members of this Council would wish to go home and be present on the great day at their homes; and if they want to do so, they have to start a day earlier. If they start on Friday they will not reach home till about 1 o'clock or 2 o'clock and in the case of some places in Malabar till 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the holiday. So, for these reasons, I move—

'*that the Council do not sit on Friday next*'."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"This is not a regular motion and need not be seconded."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I have no objection."

Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I have no objection. I suppose both Friday and Saturday will be holidays. Saturday is already a public holiday, and the proposal now is to have Friday as a holiday. I take it that this is in addition to Saturday."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"It is in addition to Saturday."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I agree to the proposal."

The proposal was agreed to.

IV.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"Sir, I beg to move—

'*that with a view to the filling up of the vacancy in the Standing Finance Committee caused by reason of the seat of Mr. F. E. James having been declared vacant on account of his election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and his taking his oath of allegiance as such Member, this Council do proceed to elect a Member of the said Committee.*"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to inform the House that in accordance with the regulations framed under Standing Order No. 80 for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote,